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## Hussein back home from talks with Assad

AMMAN, Oct. 21 (Agencies) — King Hussein returned here Sunday after a brief visit to Syria and talks with President Hafez Assad on the latest developments in the Middle East.

Inform sources said Hussein briefed the Syrians on the outcome of his talks with European officials and French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing.

In return, the sources said, Assad briefed Hussein and his accompanying delegation on the results of his visit to the Soviet Union last week.

It is understood Assad held talks with Kremlin leaders in an effort to procure more up to date Soviet weapons, especially more sophisticated warplanes with which to confront U.S.-made F-15s flown by the Israeli air force.

The official Jordanian news agency said the visit was part of continuing consultations between Jordan and Syria.

Hussein was accompanied by Prime Minister Modar Badran, Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sherif and Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim.

Abdullah meets Talhouni

Meanwhile, Second Deputy Premier and Commander of the National Guard Prince Abdullah Sunday conferred with Jordanian Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Tharwat Al-Talhouni. Talks dealt with relations between Saudi Arabia and Jordan.

## Ali, Weizman conclude talks on withdrawal

CAIRO, Oct. 21 (R) — Egyptian Defense Minister Gen. Kamal Hassan Ali ended a first round of talks with his Israeli counterpart, Defense Minister Ezer Weizman, Sunday on the final phase of Israel's withdrawal from two thirds of the Sinai in January.

An Egyptian military spokesman described the talks, which lasted one hour, as constructive. He added that before the two delegations met in full session Ali and Weizman held a 15-minute private meeting.

The two men also discussed details of Israel's handing over mid-November of Saint Catherine's Monastery on Mount Sinai and reviewed the withdrawal phases completed so far, he said.

Another topic was United States proposals for supervising their peace treaty arrangements in Sinai.

Weizman was to be Ali's dinner guest Sunday night and will spend three days sightseeing in Upper Egypt and Alexandria before holding a final session of talks Thursday.

News of Israeli Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan's resignation came after Sunday's meeting ended and neither defense minister was available for comments.

Earlier Sunday, Ali, who embraced and kissed Weizman on arrival, told an airport press conference there had been no problems in the past and there would be no problems in the future between the armed forces of their two countries on the implementation of their peace treaty.

"I am quite sure the peace process in the Middle East will continue and nobody can afford to stop it," Ali said.

Weizman, standing beside him, said there were a few problems "but for the good of the two countries and for the good of the whole area the achievement and advance of peace is a must."

He was apparently referring to continuing deep differences between Egypt and Israel on the question of autonomy for the 1.2 million Palestinians on the Jordan West Bank and the Gaza Strip.

The talks were expected to deal only with details of Israel's withdrawal from Sinai. By Jan. 26 Egypt will have recovered two thirds of the desert peninsula along a line running from El-Arish on the Mediterranean to Ras Mohammed at the Northern end of the Red Sea.

One month later the two countries will exchange ambassadors.

By mid-November this year Egypt will have recovered Saint Catherine's Monastery and the rich El-Tor oil fields.

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GRADUATION: Minister of Defense and Aviation Prince Sultan Sunday attended the graduation of officers, non-commissioned officers and airmen from the Air Defense School here. (Story page two)



## Boys banned from selling newspapers

RIYADH, Oct. 21 (SPA) — Newsboys will no longer be allowed to sell papers at street corners, Interior Minister Prince Naif ordered Sunday, citing dangers from traffic to the youths.

He said the youths could be hit by cars, and were also subject to sunstroke.

In addition, he said, youths might use the job of selling newspapers as a pretext for loitering in the streets and leaving their homes.

Prince Naif said he had asked Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abd Al-Yamani to insist to newspaper shops and newsgroups that they not use youths to sell their papers but instead limit distribution to bookstores and special distribution points like kiosks in public squares and areas where traffic is not impeded.

ARRIVES: Governor of Mecca Prince Fawaz receives Gambian President Dawda Jawara on arrival Saturday evening to perform pilgrimage.



EMBRACE: Yasser Arafat, Chairman of the Palestinian Liberation Organization embraces Hussein Khomenei, grandson of Iran's religious leader Ayatollah Khomeini, prior to a meeting in Beirut Saturday.

## The Times, Unions announce agreement

LONDON, Oct. 21 (AP) — *The Times* newspaper and union leaders announced Sunday on terms to end a 10-1/2-month suspension of publication and stave off a threatened end to the venerable 194-year-old British institution.

Negotiators said *The Times*, its sister paper *The Sunday Times* and three educational and literary supplements would go back into production as soon as possible.

The breakthrough came less than five hours before a deadline decreed by *The Times*'s parent organization for agreement or closure.

Reappearance of the papers will be joyful news for newsmakers, crossword puzzle buffs and devotees of British eccentricity, all of whom have missed *The Times*'s blend of authoritative news coverage and quirky charm.

Agreement on pay and hours was announced after 26 straight hours of talks capping a week of marathon last-ditch negotiations between times newspapers and leaders of the National Graphical Association, print workers.

A joint statement from Times Newspapers Ltd. chief executive Marmaduke J. Hussey and NGA President Les Dixon said one outstanding issue — machine room manning levels — would go to binding arbitration.

Hope for the survival of *The Times* papers, which had flickered on and off since the last issue of the daily *Times* was printed last Nov. 30, hit a low point early Thursday after an 11-hour negotiating session failed to break the deadlock.

But a new overture from the union side prompted the parent company, the international Thomson Organization, to extend its

## Over conduct of autonomy talks

# Moshe Dayan resigns

TEL AVIV, Oct. 21 (Agencies) — Foreign Minister Moshe Dayan, citing disagreement with the government's policy on Palestinian autonomy, resigned Sunday, the government announced.

In a letter to Prime Minister Menahem Begin, read by Cabinet Secretary Arieh Naor, Dayan wrote, "Last week...I expressed my reservations regarding the conduct of discussion on autonomy, and told you that under the present conditions I see no purpose in my continued participation in the government as foreign minister."

"The question of our relations with the Arabs of the occupied territories has appeared to me throughout the years as the key question in our lives, one which can be solved," Dayan continued.

"In any case, there is no immediate question, both for our life internally and for our foreign relations...and I therefore cannot carry out my task as I see fit."

Begin told reporters he would take over the foreign ministry until a new minister was appointed. "We parted in friendship and warmth," he said.

Begin said he did not talk with Dayan about returning to the government, and added, "there is no doubt that all the government regrets the foreign minister's resignation."

Dayan passed the letter to Begin during the cabinet, then left.

According to Israeli law, the resignation takes effect only after 48 hours, during which time Dayan may withdraw it. Foreign ministry officials said Dayan would give a full explanation of his reasons for quitting only after the letter takes effect Tuesday.

Dayan, 64, refused to join the six-member ministerial committee which is conducting the talks with Egypt and the United States to establish an autonomous Palestinian government in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. He opposed a number of important decisions which the cabinet made on the autonomy issue.

In an interview on Israeli television last week, he remarked that "the autonomy talks are not exactly proceeding with dizzying speed." He feels not enough effort is being made to bring Palestinian representatives into the talks, and opposed establishment of the Elon Moreh settlement in the West Bank as an unnecessary irritant to progress in the settlements issue and over economic indecision.

The resignation, if it is accepted, would be a terrific, perhaps fatal blow to Begin's fragile coalition rule. Junior partners in the coalition have been threatening to withdraw over the settlements issue and over economic indecision.

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## Officials to inspect Mecca security

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SPA reported Sunday that they will also inspect traffic projects in the Holy Places, as well as the Public Security Hospital in Mecca and the operations room at the Public Security headquarters in Mecca.

The rooms cover the Western Region.

Prince Naif and Prince Fawaz will also visit the telecommunications center at the operations room, which covers the whole Kingdom, and will inspect Civil Defense units participating in this year's Pilgrimage security plan.

Their tour will take in a helicopter base built especially for Pilgrimage operations in Daqin Al-Waber. Its officers and men will give a special display for the two princes.

They will also inspect National Guard support troops helping traffic control activities at the Holy Places.

According to *Al-Bilad* meanwhile, the rate of arrival of pilgrims at Jeddah airport in the past two days has climbed to 24,000 per day. Similarly, arrivals by sea and by road have increased.

Jeddah airport had registered 429 landings daily in the past two days. But the figure is still below that of the corresponding day last year, which was 461.

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*Algosaibi cites several items*

## 'Industry meets consumer demand'

JEDDAH, Oct. 21 — Minister of Industry and Electricity Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi is satisfied with the Kingdom's progress in consumer industries.

He told *Al-Riyadh* in an interview published Sunday that "we are self sufficient in a number of items."

"As we start our industrial projects in Jubail and Yanbu," he said, "we shall also be entering an era of basic industries which will lead us to self-sufficiency before we go on to export our products."

In the Kingdom's development, as in that of the entire Third World, technology transfer was the "fundamental challenge."

He said that Saudi Arabia had taken some steps to facilitate the transfer of technology and has been making use of foreign technology in developing its petroleum resources.

The country could not set up large industries without the participation of foreign companies and organizations which have proven abilities and experience in international markets.

"If we reduce our dependence

on imports by creating our own industries we would put an end to price rises and fluctuations," he said.

The government had been encouraging the formation of joint ventures between Saudi Arabia and foreign companies by removing tax barriers for industrial projects.

On using oil for industrial development, the minister said his government had agreed to give foreign companies engaged in projects at Jubail and Yanbu priority in buying Saudi Arabian oil in proportion to their commitments to the projects.

Algosaibi said Arab states had plans for industrial development by using local capital and raw materials and foreign know-how, although their approaches differed because of varying circumstances and political systems.

"Here we believe that we cannot launch large scale projects without foreign participation. It can be of great value to us because of the involvement of companies with extensive experience in the international markets. We do not

try to impose our system on others because we believe that if in the end the varying systems lead to the creation of an Arab industrial base, it is all right.

The trend to develop petrochemical industries in Arab oil producing countries has been noticeable over the last few years.

There have been doubts in the industrialized world about the feasibility of such projects but the trend continues, with encouraging signs, he said.

He said fertilizer plants in Kuwait and Saudi Arabia are successful. The aluminum plant in Bahrain is making handsome profits, and there are iron and steel plants in Qatar. More will be done soon "because those who produce the oil deserve to build oil-based industries more than the others."

The paper said that South Korea and Taiwan have expressed their willingness to cooperate with the Arab world on better terms than the West. What does the Kingdom think about this?

Algosaibi replied that the government has drawn up a set of rules for dealing with foreign

companies. One of these is that they should be technologically sound and experienced in the particular industries for which they are chosen, willing to get involved and "to train our boys, not just to sell us equipment."

"Within these rules we go ahead and cooperate with companies regardless of their nationalities."

He said Saudi Arabia will set up a fertilizer plant in cooperation with a Nationalist Chinese company, and various industries with South Korean firms.

**British firm to supply drain trucks**

Special to Arab News

LONDON, Oct. 21 — Municipal authorities in Mecca and Jeddah have placed orders for 36 British-built road tankers to be used in servicing drainage systems.

The \$1.5 million order is to be delivered to the authorities by Whale Tankers Ltd. by the end of January, with half going to Mecca and half to Jeddah.

A spokesman for the Solihull, West Midlands firm said the new trucks will prove to be a significant help to both cities in cleaning out blocked drainage systems.

Sixteen of them will be the

firm's 'Combination' gully emptier/sewer jetties which are claimed to have important advantages in drain-emptying work.

Instead of having to dig out blocked pipes by hand or reporting them for later attention by jetties, a gully-emptying team using a 'Combination' deals with blockages in the normal course of its work.

**Construction, illumination**

### Mosque tenders invited

JEDDAH, Oct. 21 (SPA) — The Ministry of Pilgrimage and Endowments is to invite tenders

and 27 other mosques are planned for Asir.

Minister of Pilgrimage and Endowments Sheikh Abdul Wahab Abdul Wasie has directed

endowments officials in the Eastern Province to speed up the review of tenders for the construction of 20 mosques in the Eastern and Northern regions and in Asir.

### Of economic, social needs

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Oct. 21 — A study on the economic and social needs of the Dammam, Alkhor and Dhahran urban area will shortly be finished.

It is the second of three phases of a four-year planning project, the Kingdom's largest. It is being carried out by the Portland, Oregon, firm of CH2M-Hill. It began in June 1977.

The firm has completed the first

### Court complex rising in Hasa

HASA, Oct. 21 (SPA) — The Ministry of Justice is building a SR21 million courts complex in Asir, it was announced Sunday. The complex will consist of buildings for the high court, summary court, notary office, treasury, trial court and other administrative departments.

addressed, not least those of ARAMCO.

"So far we've had nothing but excellent cooperation from all concerned," says one engineer working on the project.

The next, and final phase, the development of an urban plan, will begin early next year, according to company officials. This will be the most ambitious part of the project, involving actual design work and specific recommendations for land use.

The urban plan will effectively mean the introduction of zoning and planned growth in the Eastern Province — radical innovations in this country. But CH2M-Hill officials are quick to point out that the intended zoning will not be rigid.

"The culture here really necessitates mixed use areas," says one consultant at the Dammam office. "Rigid zoning separating commercial and living areas simply wouldn't work."

CH2M-Hill works in its Dammam office with officials of the Directorate General of Municipal Affairs of the Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs. The planners hold monthly meetings with mayors and heads of Public Security of the three cities. Local input is significant.

It is a diverse, relatively densely populated region. Planners at CH2M-Hill concede that many different interests will have to be

## E. Province urban study nearly ready

### Construction, illumination

### Farmers group returns



Dr. Ghazi Algosaibi

### After visit to Holland

### Farming group returns

JEDDAH, Oct. 21 — Eight farmers have returned here from a tour of Dutch farms.

The group, farmers in Hasa and Qasim, visited the Ministry of Agriculture in The Hague, farms, agricultural institutions and commercial companies.

They are the first group to be sent abroad under a Ministry of Agriculture and Water program for training farmers in modern methods both inside and outside the Kingdom, according to a ministry official quoted in *Al-Riyadh* Sunday.

The second group is now being selected. They will be cattle, goat

and chicken farmers, and they will be sent to Denmark.

Their program includes theoretical and practical training, a visit to the Danish Agricultural Council, a visit to the Nordic Agricultural College and seeing round farms and factories.

The third group will be date farmers, who will visit the United States. Leaving Nov. 16, they will visit date farms and packing factories, as well as fruit farms.

They will be shown an Arabian horse stud farm and will visit agricultural colleges. They will inspect exporting processes in long Beach, California, and visit the fresh vegetable market in Los Angeles to inspect huge storage and distribution operations.

Each future group will have 15 members, four from Hasa, four from Qasim, two each from Medina, Bisha and Jouf and one from Khari.

The unidentified official said that Royal Approval for the scheme involved not more than 50 farmers being sent abroad every year.

The second phase of the project for training farmers inside Saudi Arabia will start in November, according to the official.

## Saudi comment

By Abdullah Khayyat  
Al-Jedrah

In fairness, one should praise the work of the Jeddah Telephone Department for its many new connections, for maintenance and repair work. Its latest service is the new telephone directory, beautifully produced and printed with a picture of old Jeddah on the front cover and another of the old city on the back cover.

But I wish that the directory had risen to our expectations from the telephone department, especially since Rabia Dahlan took over. It should have included the new numbers and those replaced by new ones while leaving out old ones. The directory should have taken notice of the numbers transferred to other subscribers over the past few years.

I was surprised to find a lot of numbers still in the name of people who had long left their address.

This is merely a reminder prompted by my appreciation of the great effort exerted by the department, so that the next directory may take note of these changes.

*Al-Riyadh*'s Fawaz Al-Ajami condemned men who forbid their women to go to school on the pretext that women were born to serve as wives, mothers and housekeepers.

He cited the example of an unnamed girl whose family refused to let her have intense desire to continue her education. The mother said it was enough to be able to read and write; the brother said girls were born for the house and not for the school.

The writer said that the Holy Prophet had urged education from the cradle to the grave.

Education was a duty for all Muslims, men and women alike, and that the women must learn as much as possible because they are in charge of bringing up a good generation. They must teach other girls, too.

Women have a right to education as much as men, and they only differ in the fields of specialization.

He made an impassioned plea to parents to let their daughters learn as much as they can, because they are entitled to become educated citizens and not pieces of furniture.

## Sandstorm study center will forecast any danger

AI-Medina as saying that his department was working on the studies with the Saudi Arabian National Center for Science and Technology.

Nine instruments have been set up south of Dhahran, near Half-Moon beach, to monitor sand movement. It is the first time they have been used anywhere.

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# Iran cabinet holds meeting as Mahabad clashes kill 74

TEHRAN, Oct. 21 (Agencies) — The Iranian cabinet was meeting Sunday to discuss the Kurdish crisis after a day of violence in the former rebel capital of Mahabad where more than 74 persons were reported killed and injured.

State radio said the cabinet was discussing the results of a peace mission to Kurdistan by Provincial Affairs Minister Dariush Forouhar.

But a special representative of revolutionary leader Ayatollah Khomeini accused the banned Kurdish Democratic Party (KDP) of launching a wave of attacks that coincided with the peace moves.

The official news agency Pars quoted the representative, Hojalehsam Hossein Kermani, as saying he had reports of 74 casualties in Saturday's Mahabad violence in which the rebels used heavy weapons and fought house-to-house against government forces.

Official sources in Mahabad said Sunday the city was in the hands of KDP militants although there were no armed guerrillas in the streets.

The sources said army and revolutionary guard forces were confined in their barracks while other government forces were still maintaining a blockade of all main roads into the town.

Residents said the guerrillas had taken the local radio and television, although its equipment had already been put out of action and could not broadcast.

Rescue teams saved dozens of tourists after torrential rains throughout the night flooded camp sites and roads. Army helicopters and naval boats were still searching for missing people.

Sharm el-Sheikh, a favorite tourist spot because of its nearly permanent sunny and hot weather, will be returned to Egypt in March 1982 in the final Israeli withdrawal from Sinai.

of Mahabad called for the withdrawal of revolutionary guards from the town. It blamed them for carrying out massacres and destroying property.

Copies of the telegram were sent to a number of embassies in Tehran, including those of France, West Germany, Britain and the Soviet Union.

In the meantime, an Iranian human rights organization Saturday accused the authorities of torturing suspects, carrying out executions after summary trials and holding 1,500 prisoners in the country's jails.

A report issued by the Association of Political Prisoners of Iran, set up after the Shah's regime, said: "Our information indicates that prisons all over Iran...are full of men and women who have been detained and imprisoned, accused of membership of political organizations... The number of these people is over 1,500."

The association said the harshest punishment had been dealt out to militants in the Kurdish region and among the minority Arab population of southern Khuzestan province.

"The totality of the information indicates that the condition of the political prisoners is not different to what it was under the cruel regime of Muhammad Reza Shah," the report said.

It claimed that some 130 people had been executed on political grounds.



MEETS PRESS: Turkey's opposition leader and chief of the Justice Party Suleyman Demirel at a press conference in Ankara last week after his party scored win in the country's elections. Behind him is a photo of him campaigning. After a meeting with the Turkish president Friday, Demirel said Turkey needs "a harmonious government" to deal with the grave problems facing the country.

## Suleyman Demirel urges 'harmonious cabinet'

ANKARA, Oct. 21 (AP) — Turkey's chief opposition leader Suleyman Demirel says Turkey needs "a harmonious government" to cope with grave problems facing the nation.

Demirel spoke to reporters after an hour-long meeting with President Fahri Koruturk Friday, four days after the resignation of Premier Bulent Ecevit's 21-month-old government.

Ecevit, as leader of Turkey's largest party, has been asked by the president to form a new government but, as expected, he declined.

Demirel declined to say whether he received the same proposal from Koruturk, but he said he would meet him again on Wednesday. "Today we had consultations on what kind of new government Turkey should have," he said.

He pointed out that parliamentary arithmetic did not change greatly despite major losses for Ecevit's Republican People's Party and major gains for Demirel's own centrist Justice Party in last Sunday's mid-term elections. No single party commands a majority.

Demirel said his party was willing to do its duty in the formation of a government. But, he added, "if we can form a harmonious government, we will do so. If not, another alternative will have to be tried."

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# A queen of Yemen and her seat at Jibla

By Anne Chadwick

JIBLA — Arwa hotels, Arwa restaurants, Arwa stores, even a newly established Arwa Mineral Company; the word is as ubiquitous as that of the Earl of Bristol, whose name is proudly borne by countless hotels across Europe, Asia and the Americas.

Arwa was queen of Yemen.

She ruled in the 12th century and is remembered for her good works, for ordering the building of paved roads and aqueducts, for the peace and tranquility of her long reign.

The ulema of Sana'a say that she was not called Arwa at all, but Sayyida bint Ahmad. Though there was a later Arwa from the same family and time has confused the two it would be pedantic not to refer to her as she is commonly known.

### The Sulayhids

Yemen in the eleventh century was ruled by the powerful Sulayhi family of the Hashid branch of Hamdan, one of the fierce tribes of the north. The Sulayhids, were Shafai Muslims (i.e. orthodox Sunni) but followed the tenets of the Ismaili Fatimids who then ruled Egypt.

The Fatimids ran a secret organization of resistance to the Abbasid Caliphs of northern Arabia and infiltrated other states whenever possible. They were devout Muslims, but had a more philosophical and esoteric view of the Prophet and his works. The Ismailis themselves, of whom the Agha Khan is the present leader, are from the Shiite branch of Islam, and believe that Ismail, the seventh Imam, was the last direct descendant of the Prophet.

To ensure secrecy, the Fatimids often assumed noms de guerre, the cause of endless confusion among later historians. The Fatimids could be considered socialists, ruling, as they professed, for the good of the people.

### The Najah

The first Sulayhid ruler, Ali, Arwa's father-in-law, was recruited by a member of the Fatimid underground, and overthrew the Zaidi Imamate with financial help from Egypt. He succeeded in subjugating all Yemen but in 1067, he was assassinated. At Mahjam, in the north Tibama, by agents of the Najah the black Ethiopian rulers of Zebid, Arwa's husband Mukarram came to the throne and continued to increase Sulayhid influence until his mandate extended perhaps as far as India, including Aden, Dhofar and Oman. A few years after his accession he was struck with paraplegia and withdrew from public life, leaving Arwa to run his empire as regent, neither of their sons having reached the age of majority.

Arwa, also a Sulayhi, had been raised at court by Mukarram's mother Asma. The Sulayhids believed in educating their daughters as well as their sons, so Arwa was well qualified for her position. She had married Mukarram in 1065 at the age of 18. She ruled until her death in 1137, at the age of 92. Her familiarity with Fatimid doctrines may have been behind her philanthropic works and her attempt to run the state justly and peacefully.

Arwa and Mukarram ruled, not from Sana'a, but from Jibla. It is said that when they lived in Sana'a she told Mukarram to look out the window and tell her what he saw. He said that he could only see "the flash of swords, the glint of naked blades and spearheads." When she asked him to do the same in Jibla, he saw a pastoral scene of goatherds and women carrying pots of oil and honey on their heads. And so they moved.

Mukarram died in 1084, bequeathing the spiritual and temporal Fatimid rule to his distant cousin Abu Hmayr Saba. Arwa objected and wrote to the Caliph in Cairo asking him to overrule her husband's will and appoint her young son Ali as head of state, thus perpetuating her power. The Caliph agreed, but soon after, both her sons died. This time, Saba offered to solve the problem of the succession by marrying her but Arwa refused, until the Caliph finally ordered her to comply. Even then, the marriage was never consummated though Saba worked faithfully for her until he died in 1097.

In Arwa's later years, the Sulayhid state gradually declined, through both internal and external influences. Her immediate subjects were loyal but were gradually manipulated by jealous courtiers. Order eventually collapsed. It is to her credit that she stayed in power as long as she did; even the most treacherous must have been in awe of her.

### Today

Arwa's town of Jibla is a lovely place to visit and remains virtually unspoiled. It lies about 10 kilometers southwest of Ibb, off the main Sana'a-to-Taiz road. You take the first right, south of Ibb and the military checkpoint, by the petrol station. The Baptists built a hospital just outside the town in the late 1960s. It is well equipped and frequented by Yemenis and foreigners alike. Arwa would approve.

The town, which lies on the hillside, is dominated by a large, rectangular mosque with twin minarets. This is where Arwa is buried. You enter the town by a small arched gateway, having crossed the wadi a little lower down. The town is a maze of narrow, paved streets, just wide enough for people to pass one another. There are no noisy motorbikes and one can still sense the air of tranquility that Arwa so loved.

The only noise comes from eager children asking to lead you to the Dar-as-Sultana (the Queen's palace) on the northeast slope, adjacent to the As-Summah mosque. This ancient stone edifice is sadly collapsing but for the brave who dare venture on its crumbling roof, there is the reward of a splendid view. It is said that this is not Arwa's palace, but a later building built on the original site.

All the houses are built of rough cut stone blocks, many as high as five storeys. The majority have small circular windows, as opposed to the arched tracery windows of Sana'a, though there are examples of the latter as well. Some are richly decorated on the outside with fine embossed plaster work.

The road to Jibla is well graded and is easily negotiable by an ordinary car. It takes about twenty minutes from the main road. With the abundant rains enjoyed in Ibb province Jibla is still a haven of lush farmland, in marked contrast to the brown, arid plains of Sana'a.

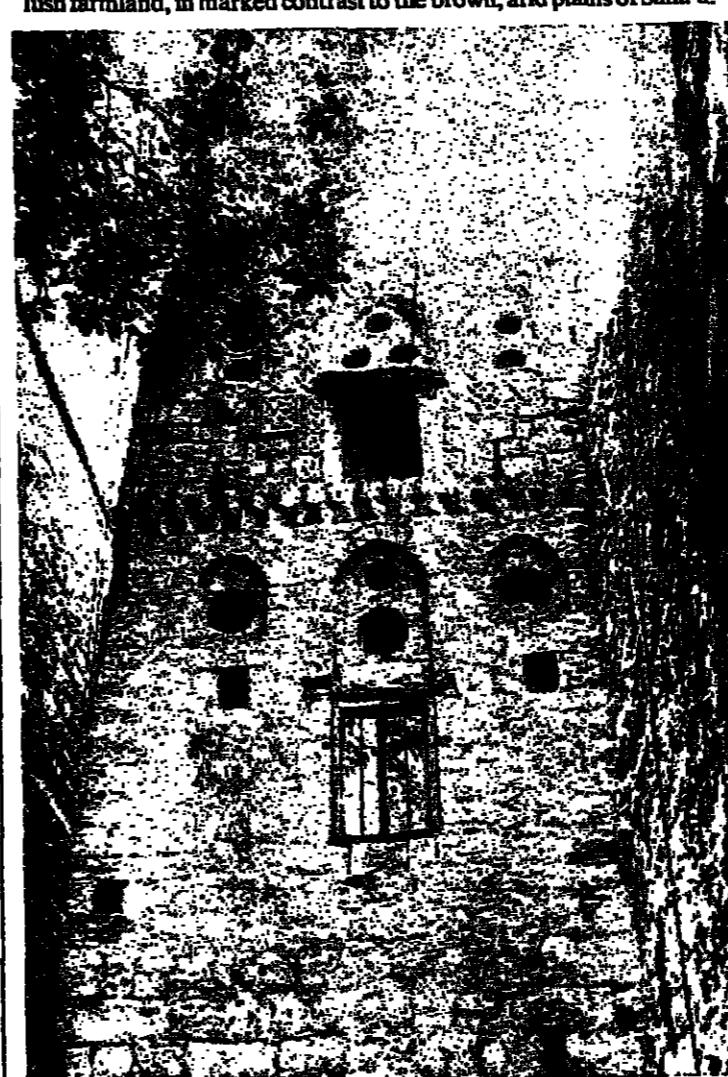


A cul-de-sac in the still unspoiled sqq

*'I see only the  
flash of swords,  
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A butcher in Jibla



A Jibla house, with the small circular windows typical of the town



Two little girls in a narrow lane

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## CORRECTING DR. KHALIL

In his interview with the new *Asharq Al Awsat Weekly*, Egypt's prime minister Dr. Mustapha Khalil gave a curious statement. "With the exception of the confrontation states, Arab governments serve the cause of Palestine mainly with slogans. They give a little money also, a small portion of the vast increases in oil wealth accruing to them after the October war. These states place their interests before all else."

The question is, what truth is there in the prime minister's view of the oil producing Arab states?

The simple answer is that it was true that these states placed their own interests first then they would not be the object of so much Western disinformation and abuse. But perhaps a more direct answer is called for, in the language of figures which the good doctor can easily easily verify.

In the case of Saudi Arabia, financial aid to Syria since the Baghdad summit of last year has risen by two hundred and fifty per cent. To the Palestine Liberation Organization, by a full one thousand per cent. To Jordan, by three hundred and fifty per cent. It is also well known that aid from the other Gulf states has risen proportionately. This means that the scale of financial commitment to the Palestine struggle has by no means lagged behind the increase in oil revenues.

It is obvious that figures themselves cannot be mentioned. But in addition to these official commitments, there are more informal ones. An example is Saudi \$10 million in aid to each of the *Beit Zeit* and *Majah* universities in the West Bank, as well as privately funded aid to *UNRWA* to the value of \$4.5 million. There is also Saudi public and private aid to *Fatah*, over and above aid to the PLO as a whole.

As to the political side of the coin, this is better left to the Palestinians to express. It is no secret that they always considered they had two lines open to the United States, one through Egypt and the other through Saudi Arabia; but that now they consider only the Saudi Arabian line operative, since Sadat has taken it in his head to part company with the Arabs.

The prime minister counted on Saudi Arabia's well known discretion in its services to the cause of Palestine. He was sure that it would not respond by publishing the actual figures—and these would make the scale of the commitment even more dramatic. But the facts unfortunately for him, are well known.

Sadat started his regime by attacking his predecessor for alienating other Arab governments. It has not taken him too long to fall into the same error.

## THE SUMMIT AGENDA

To judge the present picture of the Middle East purely in terms of the dangers and difficulties which face the Arab countries is to give a one-sided and an unnecessarily pessimistic view. For the fact is that Arabs are currently exhibiting an unprecedented political and diplomatic dynamism. Gone, let us hope forever, are the days when each country looked inwardly when danger threatened, mistrusting its neighbors and complaining of a hostile and unyielding world.

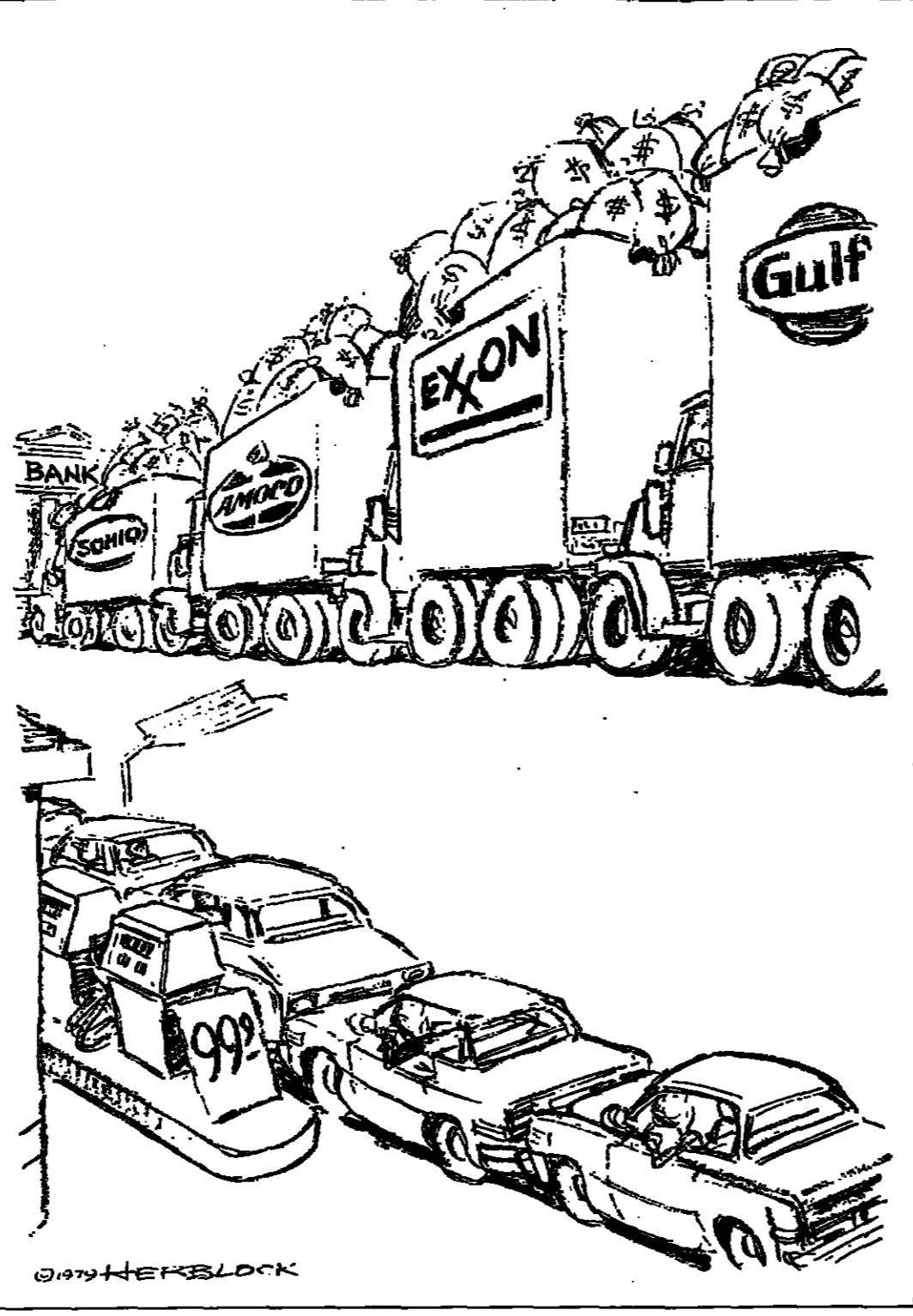
This new spirit of self-confidence and flexibility augurs well for the coming summit. Crown Prince Fahd has already expressed it and Yasser Arafat in his speech to the meeting of the Revolutionary Council of Fatah provided a further instance.

The two years which elapsed since the fateful Camp David meeting have demonstrated Arab ability to keep to their line opposing it, despite all the setbacks and difficulties. The "minimum program" of opposition enunciated at the Baghdad summit of last year is still very much active. Not a single country of the original signatories has broken ranks.

But, of course, much more is still needed. The successful defense of the anti Camp David position must soon give way to offense, if the deadlock on the way to a comprehensive and just settlement is to be shifted. Egypt's drift away from the Arab fold has to be stopped before it is too late. The United States has to be convinced that its former approach is bankrupt.

The task before the coming summit is to prepare the ground for the new phase. And here the list of priorities is already agreed. The first and most urgent task is to work out a settlement for South Lebanon, which in effect means finding a formula for resolving the Lebanese crisis as a whole. The second is to reconcile Syria and Iraq, since without this pair working in harmony the power of the anti-Camp David alliance is greatly reduced. The third is persuading Algeria and Morocco to stop the fratricidal war over the Sahara, so that the Arab Maghreb can bring its full weight to bear in the service of the alliance.

These tasks are difficult but they are by no means impossible. In them the new spirit of positivity will find its greatest test, and, we hope, its greatest achievement.



## No cheers for the 'Bantustans'

By Peter Deely

### LONDON

Mafeking is about to be relieved! But this time the news will cause little rejoicing for the 6,000 whites about to be absorbed into South Africa's new north-west border 'Bantustan' or African 'homeland'.

Eighty years ago last week — on October 13, 1899 — a force of Boer commandos laid siege to the British garrison in what was to become one of the most famous assaults in military history. The British defenders, led by the founder of the Boy Scouts movement, Col. (later Lord) Robert Baden-Powell, successfully held out for 217 days until May, 1900, and when the besieged garrison was relieved it was followed by nights and days of revelry in the streets of Victorian London.

Mafeking even gave its name to posterity: the word 'mafick' means 'to exult riotously'. But history — and apartheid — have overtaken those moments of fame. Today this dry, slow-moving farming town slumbers in the sun, waiting incorporation into a black state called Bophutha-Tswana and even the possibility of having to call itself by an African name, *Vimabatha*.

You would have trouble finding Bophutha-Tswana on any world map: or Venda for that matter, the latest black homeland that the Nationalist government has artificially carved out of South African territory. In the minds of black leaders they do not even exist: the Organization of African Unity has refused to recognize the redrawing of frontiers in southern Africa by what it sees as white imperialists brought up around here.

A 76-year-old farmer took a different line: 'If Mafeking goes I won't stay. You can't mix a donkey and a horse. That way you get a mule.'

The whites, of course, can choose. Black leaders see these imposed homelands as 'puppet regimes' designed only to perpetuate racial segregation.

Tutu says: 'Even if we decided partition — for that is what this is effectively — was the only answer to the misrule of the white man; we would not choose these areas. None of the present three Bantustans has the remotest possibility of becoming viable. It isn't as if our tribal structure were being maintained. The Xhosa now is split into two different areas, the Transkei and the Siski.'

Men like George Matanzima, chief minister of the Transkei and Gatsha Buthelezi, head of KwaZulu, are seen by many black radicals as 'sell-outs'. But their argument is that at least the Bantustans were created to 'try to provide a moral basis for apartheid.'

The decision was taken without consulting us. It was a case of the white minority saying 'we know what is good for you blacks'.

'By international law what the government is

fact, I intend to give reports on my trip and make recommendations before various committees in Washington. But most of my focus now is to move back toward our schools and our youth.

Q. Are you tailoring your international focus because of the criticism?

A. Oh, no. We shall maintain our interest there. We will testify and communicate. But it does not mean I will be taking a lot of trips back and forth between here and the Middle East. I will make some trips there and some trips to Africa in time, but that's not the dominant part of our agenda.

Q. If you had the trip to take over again, would you change any part of it?

A. Well, I would still go. I learned a lot. It was an instructive trip for me. ... I still have, even through all of this barrage of criticism and controversy, tremendous concern for Jewish people and for their feelings. I intended to communicate that support to them.

And these aggressive acts against us now will not force me to retaliate in kind.

Q. What aggressive acts?

A. All the unkind letters and threats of cutting off funds; the kinds of things being written about us; the misunderstanding. They are really attempts to undermine our character and credibility.

Q. Did you not expect this when you knew you were going to meet with Arafat?

A. Well I expected some of it. I also expected other Jewish leaders, who know that is the route we must go ultimately, to stand up and be counted. And, yet, I do not hold it against them because the price they would pay to stand up would subject them to a lot of wrath themselves.

So I'm fully aware that the price we might have to pay for this might very well be a significant pain for our organization. It might involve the loss of life and limb. We've received enormous assassination threats.

Q. You've personally received threats?

A. Yes. And calls to my home and threats to my wife and children; the bomb threats to my office.

Q. Are you concerned for your safety?

A. Well, I'm concerned for my safety, but I'm also concerned for my integrity. If I back off of what I know to be just and right, I would not have my integrity and I could not live with myself.

## saudi press review

In a lead story Sunday, *Al-Jazirah* said Egypt has failed to persuade President Carter to agree to a summit of the Camp David parties, while *Al-Nadwa* and *Al-Medina* said with Egypt's announcement of a likely failure of negotiations with Israel on the Palestinian autonomy, *Al-Medina* reported possible U.S.-French efforts to solve the Lebanese crisis, and *Al-Bilad* said the forthcoming Arab summit meeting may amend the Cairo accord signed between the Lebanese and Palestinian sides in 1969. Saudi Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's reported statement that a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East crisis will save the U.S. from the risk of an oil crisis was splashed as a lead story in *Okaz* newspaper. *Al-Riyadh* carried as its lead story the royal orders to grant suitable residential plots to all Saudi Ara-

bian nationals.

In a front-page story, *Okaz* reported that the U.S. was making another move for peaceful conditions in South Lebanon, and *Al-Medina* said that the U.S. administration was studying three proposals to supply modern weapons to Morocco. It further frontpaged a report on the loss of life of 23 army men during clashes with the freedom-fighters in Kabul.

*Al-Nadwa* reported on its front page that the Arab summit will be held in Tunis Nov. 20, and will be preceded by a conference of Arab foreign ministers for the purpose of preparing an agenda for the summit talks. *Al-Jazirah* gave prominence to a large number of Israeli tourists and journalists coming to Egypt on entry visas granted them by the Egyptian government. It further frontpaged the Egyptian foreign minister's

statement that Egypt will open its embassy in Israel Feb. 26 next year.

Newspapers also frontpaged stories saying that King Khalid has received the credentials of the new Algerian ambassador to the Kingdom. Iran has called for a summit meeting of the OPEC countries and Interior Minister Prince Naif will attend the graduation ceremony of 140 officers and soldiers in Jeddah Sunday.

In an editorial, *Al-Medina* said the American leaders are aware that President Sadat of Egypt has reached such a stage that he is no longer useful to them. So, they have started a new maneuver to drag other parties into the Camp David accords. They are now inclining toward the PLO, speaking sometimes about a direct talk and sometimes recognition, but recently by asking the civil rights

leader Jesse Jackson to sound the PLO on the specification of the desired borders for the Palestinian state.

In an attempt to find an alternative, the U.S. administration is now striving to bring the PLO into the net, as it earlier did with the Egyptian president, the paper said. It commended Jordanian King Hussein's "brave attitude", and advised the PLO to take guarded steps, as the Lebanese are doing in studying the U.S. proposals on South Lebanon.

Commenting editorially on the Egyptian foreign minister's hint of a possible failure of Egypt's negotiations with Israel on the Palestinian autonomy, *Al-Nadwa* said Egypt would have done well to stop further negotiations and implementation of other clauses of the Camp David accords. But Egypt's declared insistence on opening its embassy in Israel next

February gives only one interpretation that the rulers in Egypt are still in favor of a separate peace treaty.

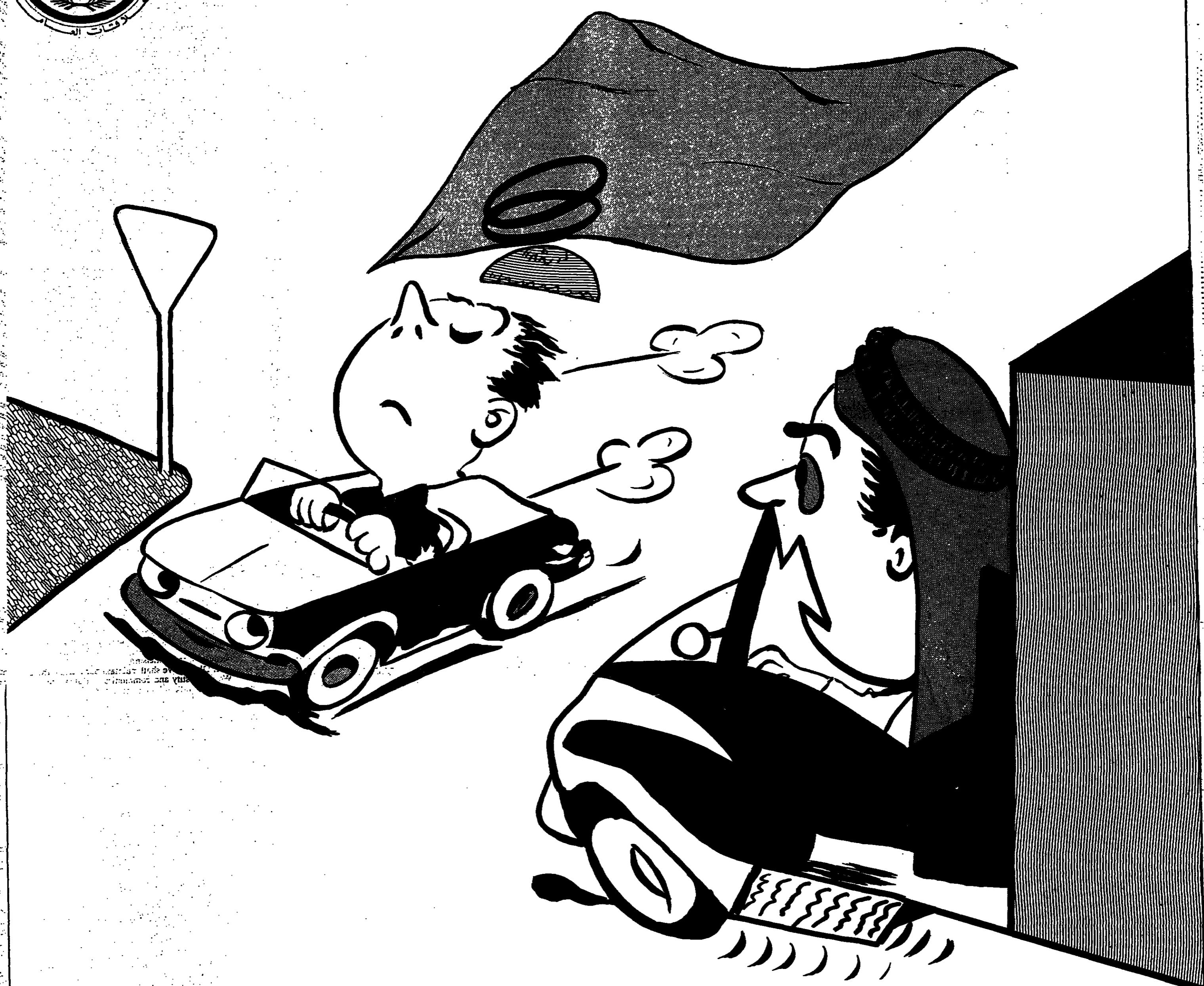
Under the present circumstances, the paper said, the Egyptian president ought to feel morally bound to declare his non-interference in the issue of Palestine, as he is now left with no choice but a separate treaty. "While we do not expect him to abrogate his agreements with the enemy, we certainly urge him to stop playing with the issue of Palestine, as it will be fraught with unpleasant consequences", the paper added.

In a reference to Minister of Petroleum and Mineral Resources Sheikh Ahmed Zaki Yamani's statement in Washington on the Kingdom's oil policy, *Okaz* said that the firmness of the Kingdom's oil policy does not lie in pleasing the U.S. or any other consumer

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Second leg of European tour

## Hua given low-key Bonn reception

BONN, Oct. 21 (AP) — Chinese Premier Hua Guofeng arrived in West Germany Sunday, the second stage of his four-nation European tour.

After a flight from Paris, Hua's jetliner touched down at Cologne-Bonn Airport where he and his party were briefly welcomed by Chancellery aide Hans-Juergen Wischniewski and Johannes Kau, minister president of the state of North Rhine-Westphalia in which Bonn and Cologne are situated.

Hua was then escorted to Gymnich castle, the West German government's sumptuous guest

house some 30 kilometers outside Bonn where he was to rest the remainder of the day in anticipation of official welcoming ceremonies Monday.

Hua's low-key welcome contrasted with the warm reception French leaders gave him in Paris last week. But officials said it followed customary West German practice.

Chancellor Helmut Schmidt will welcome the Chinese leader during ceremonies Monday morning at the Chancellery, with the first of two private talks beginning immediately afterward.

During the visit, the Chinese

### But identity in mystery

## Politburo member operated on

MOSCOW, Oct. 21 (Agencies) — An American eye surgeon has confirmed he had operated on a member of the 13-man Politburo, the Soviet Union's top policy-making body, but denied it was President Leonid Brezhnev.

Dr. Ronald Michels, one of three eye specialists here from Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland, declined to say which of the Kremlin chiefs underwent the operation last Sunday.

But a Westerner who claimed to be in contact with both the Soviets and the doctors has told the U.S. Embassy that the patient was Mikhail Suslov, 77, the Politburo's chief ideologist.

However, Suslov read a long speech Tuesday at a Moscow ideological conference, just two days after the operation was performed Sunday at the Kremlin's suburban medical center.

Michels said that the operation was "not incapacitating."

He cabled word back to his mother in Baltimore that the operation was "a success" and would return home Sunday.

Another source said the operation would "not affect the power of the Kremlin leadership."

Brezhnev was reported this week to be suffering a "serious ill-

ness," amid a torrent of Western reports that he was dead.

The 72-year-old Kremlin chief was last seen in public Oct. 8 when he returned from a strenuous trip to East Germany.

Michels said he and his two colleagues, Dr. Thomas Rice and Dr. Walter Stark, came to Moscow at the request of the Soviet government to do delicate eye surgery on a government official.

One unconfirmed report said the operation involved the use of laser treatment and did not even require an anesthetic.

Suslov, the second-oldest member of the Politburo behind Arvid Peisler who turned 80 this year, has long been rumored to be in poor health, although no eye trouble was ever reported.

A former chief editor of the Communist Party newspaper *Pravda*, Suslov was born Nov. 21, 1902, to a family of poor peasants

### With awards

## Italian film world marks anniversary

ROME, Oct. 21 (AP) — Italy's film industry, attempting to restore some of the old-time glamour to Hollywood-on-the-tiber, staged a star-studded presentation of the 25th anniversary of the David di Donatello Prizes with night at the opera Saturday night.

Italian President Sandro Pertini, fresh from solving Italy's air controllers dispute, took time out with Giulietta Masina, wife of director Federico Fellini, to award the statuettes to some of Italy's best-known actors and directors before watching a feverish revival of the ballet from *Haïr*.

The prizes, which are Italy's version of the Hollywood Oscar, were awarded to director Franco Zeffirelli in the European division while West Germany's Rainer Fassbinder got the David Luchino Visconti Award named after the late Italian cinema maestro.

In the foreign division, the awards went to the Soviet Union's *The Tree of Desires*, to *Haïr* director Milos Forman and Liv Ullman, Ingrid Bergman, Michele Seroult, Richard Geer, Terrence Malick and Romy Schneider.

On the Italian side, the national television RAI, which has provided jobs for many of the country's top directors unable to find their own producers, received an award for *The Tree of Clogs*.

Franco Cristaldi and Angelo Rizzoli of Italy's largest publishing and media empire received the awards for best producers.

The 59-year-old Italian told authorities that his memory was hampered by his heart illness

## Kidnapped Italian banker story leads to a dead-end

NEW YORK, Oct. 21 (AP) — Italian financier Michele Sindona has given a vague account of his 10-week absence to officials investigating his disappearance. *The New York Times* reported in its Sunday editions.

Unnamed FBI and police officials defied a court gag order to tell *The Times* what Sindona claimed happened to him after he disappeared Aug. 2.

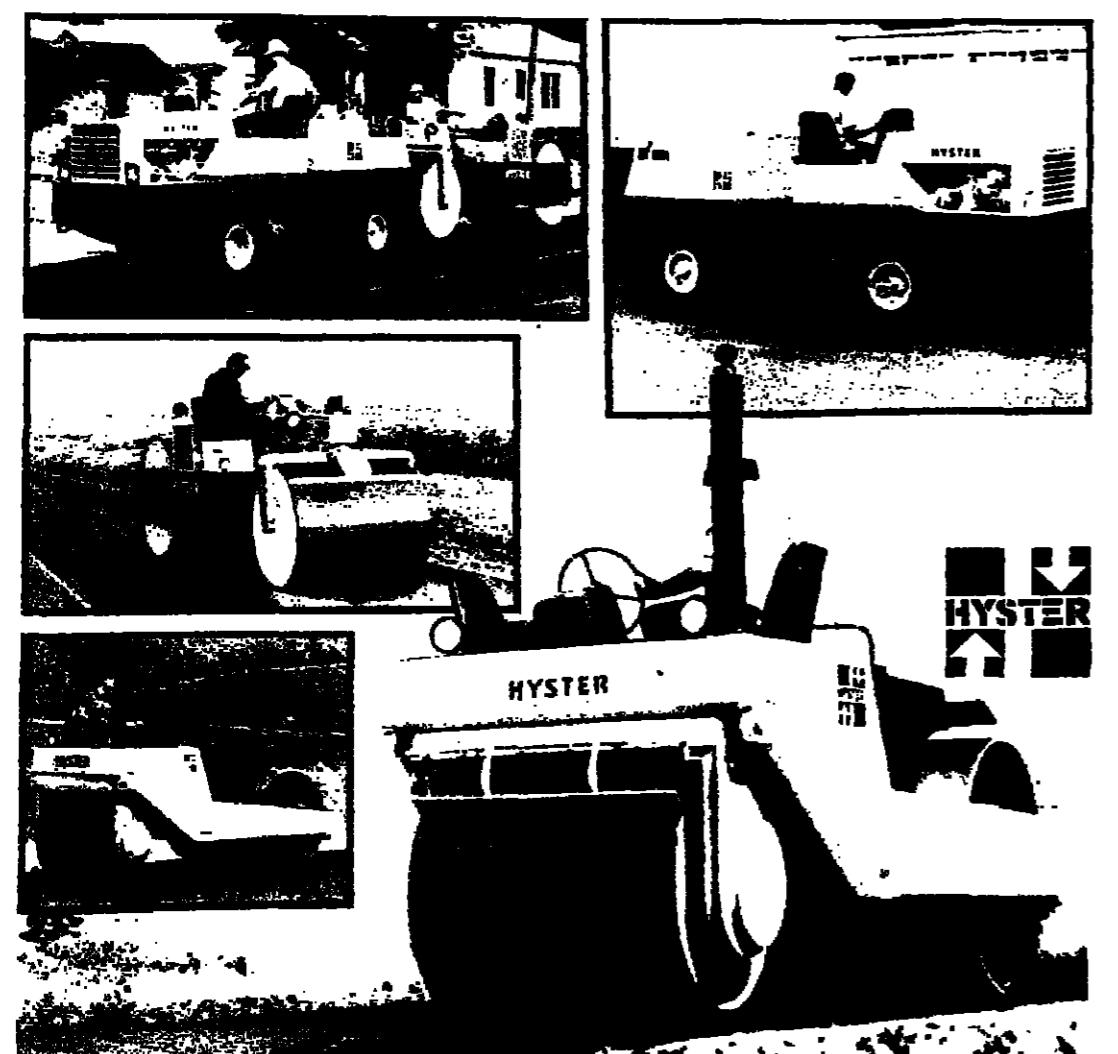
Sindona was to go on trial Sept. 10 on charges that he stole \$45 million from the Franklin Saving Bank. The bank later folded in one of the largest bank collapses in U.S. history.

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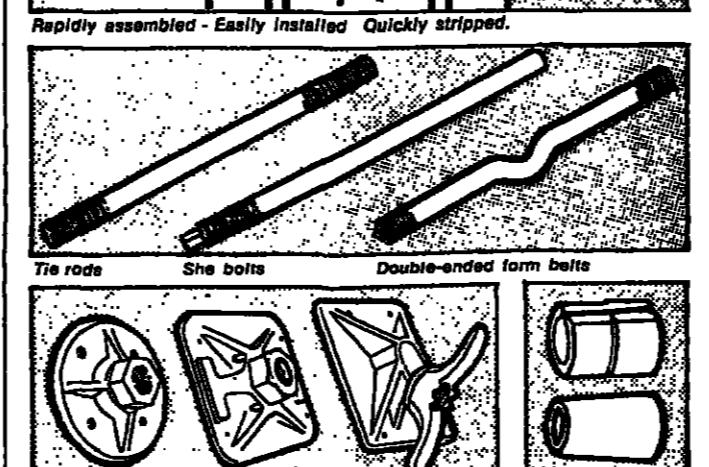
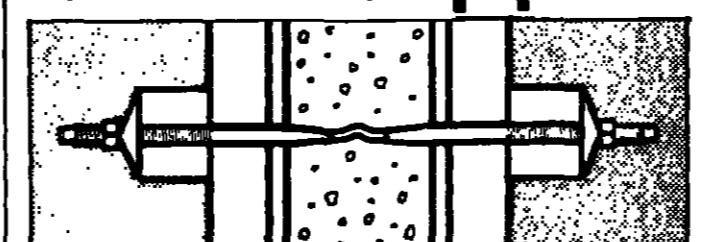
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RECEPTION: West German Chancellery State Minister Hans-Juergen Wischniewski (r) welcomes Chinese Premier and Communist Party leader Hua Guofeng after his arrival at Bonn-Cologne airport Sunday. The Chinese leader was to meet Chancellor Helmut Schmidt Monday.

### Slam junta peace bid

## El Salvador rebels vow to fight

SAN SALVADOR, Oct. 21 (R) — A leading leftist group has

rejected a call by El Salvador's new civilian-military junta to lay down weapons, threatening a new wave of violence.

The "Popular Revolutionary Bloc" (BPR), with an estimated membership of 50,000, dashed hopes of a quick end to violence which had risen when two other leftist groups called a truce with the junta.

The new government has faced leftist street violence throughout the six days since it overthrew rightwing President Carter Humberto Romero in a bloodless coup. It is still without a cabinet.

The wave of violence has killed at least 36 people and injured 100.

The junta, comprising three generals and three civilians, has imposed a 30-day state of siege and martial law in an attempt to curb the violence.

"We plan to carry out rallies in the coming week because in no way can we call a truce to this counter-revolutionary government," BPR Secretary General

Julio Flores told reporters.

The junta has called for all leftist and rightist groups to lay down their weapons and join the rest of the country's 4.5 million people in putting the country back on the democratic path.

But only the "February 28 Popular League", a peasant and student group, with an estimated 25,000 members, and the "People's Revolutionary Army" have declared "a partial truce."

There has been no reaction yet from the other three guerrilla groups, the "Armed National Resistance Forces," "Popular Liberation Forces" and "Central American Revolutionary Workers Party."

The latter has been holding two U.S. businessmen, Dennis McDonald and Fausto Bucchelli, managers of a Textile subsidiary named Apex, for three weeks.

Meanwhile, the junta stepped up its round of consultations to establish a broad-based political cabinet to carry out the far-reaching measures it has promised.

Among them are political amnesty, an end to repression, free presidential elections not later than next year, legalisation of the Salvadorean Communist Party and re-establishment of diplomatic relations with Cuba, severed 15 years ago.

The junta has also promised to undertake a long-needed agrarian reform program in a country where about two per cent of the population owns about 60 per cent of the land.

## Earthquake kills at least in Indonesia resort island

JAKARTA, Oct. 21 (AP) — An earthquake rocked the Indonesian tourist island of Bali and its neighboring island of Lombok Saturday, killing at least two persons and injuring more than 40, a police spokesman said Sunday.

Government meteorologists said the tremor registered 5.8 on the Richter scale.

The spokesman said the quake

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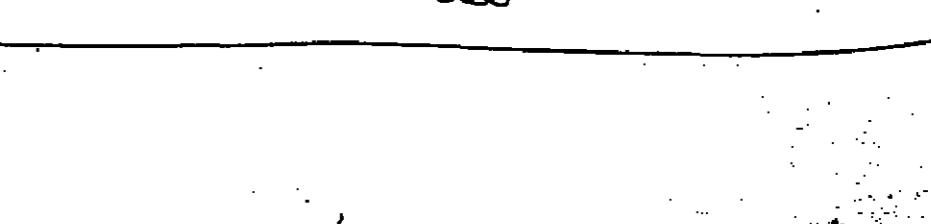
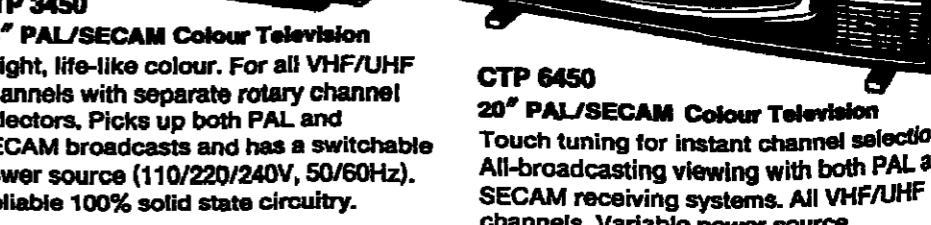
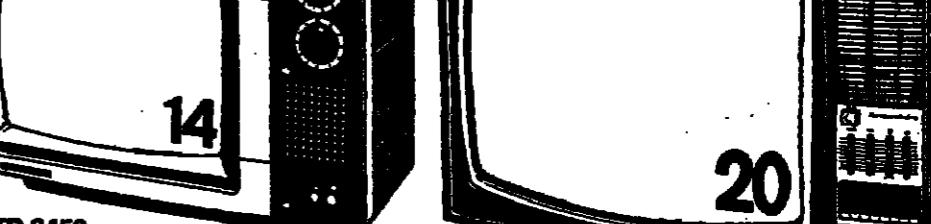
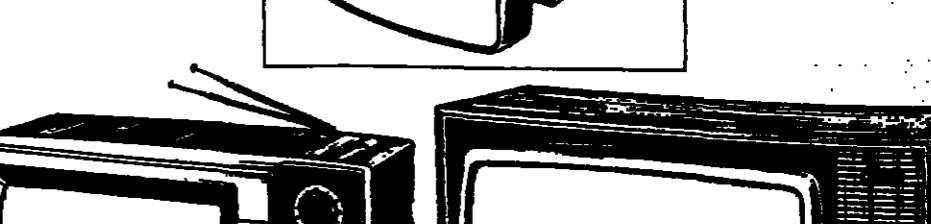
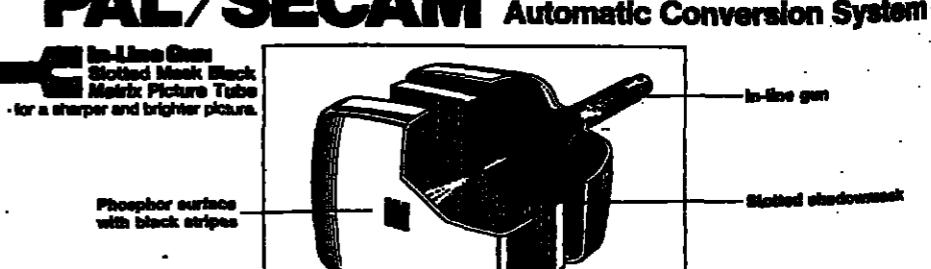
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## Iraq invites OPEC for summit talks

BAHRAIN, Oct. 21 (R) — Iraq has invited the heads of state of all OPEC countries to a summit meeting, the official Gulf News Agency reported.

In a dispatch from Baghdad, the agency said Iraqi Oil Minister Tareq Abdul Karim extended the invitation at a meeting with OPEC ambassadors in the Iraqi capital Saturday.

The agency did not disclose where the summit might be held.

But it quoted Abdul Karim as saying the purpose of the meeting was to mark the 20th anniversary of the founding of OPEC and also to discuss the organization's accomplishments.

He said the summit would also discuss ways of establishing a new world economic order to bring equality and justice to developing

### U.S. congressional report

## Soviet oil output to drop

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (R) — Soviet oil production will decline in the 1980s, and the Communist bloc will need imported oil, a U.S. congressional committee reported Sunday.

Shipments to Eastern Europe and other Communist countries will have to be supported by Soviet imports from OPEC (the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries'), the joint economic committee study predicted.

It said Soviet oil output would fall to 10 million barrels a day by 1985, the Soviet Union, the world's leading crude oil producing nation, produced 11.43 million barrels a day in 1978.

The study reported that Moscow increased oil production by only 2.7 per cent in the first six

months of this year, well below the average from 1971 through 1975.

"No new major oil finds have been made in the last six years, despite Soviet admissions that new giant oilfields must be discovered regularly if growth in oil production is to be sustained," the study said.

The study also concluded that:

— The Soviet Union's defense funding has soared to 137 per cent of the amount spent by the United States in 1977 from 72 per cent in 1965.

— The Soviet Union in 1978 had 60 per cent more scientists and engineers than the United States. In early 1950s, Russia trailed the United States in the number of scientists and engineers, but surpassed this country at the end of the 1960s.

## Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 6:00 P.M. SUNDAY			
	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
U.S. Dollar	3.36	3.37	3.37
Pound Sterling	7.23	7.27	7.27
Deutsche Mark (100)	187.00	189.00	187.25
Swiss F (100)	205.00	208.00	204.50
French F (100)	80.00	80.00	80.00
Italian Lira (10,000)	41.00	41.00	40.80
Lebanese Lira (100)	102.00	101.50	101.50
Syria Lira (100)	78.00	86.60	86.60
Egyptian Pound	4.50	4.61	4.61
Kuwait Dinar	12.15	12.13	12.13
Jordanian Dinar	11.25	11.20	11.20
Emirates Dirham (100)	88.70	88.60	88.60
Qatari Rial (100)	90.00	89.80	89.80
Bahraini Dinar	8.86	8.85	8.85
Iranian Rial (100)	—	—	—
Iraqi Dinar (100)	9.50	—	—
Yemeni Rial (100)	74.25	73.75	73.75
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	88.50	88.50
Indian Rupee (100)	—	41.10	41.10
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	34.10	34.10
Gold kg.	42,700.00	—	—
10 Tolas bar	5,000.00	—	—
Silver kg.	—	—	—
Japanese Yen (1,000)	14.60	—	14.72
Canadian Dollar	2.84	3.00	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	116.00	113.00	—
Dutch Guilder (1,000)	169.00	171.00	170.00
Spanish Peso	51.50	51.00	—
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	82.00	—
Philippines Peso (1,000)	—	46.00	—
Singapore	—	1.57	—

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7	Al Hadi	Babroud	Dunn	18/10/79
8	Carsten Sald	Alpha'	Bagged Barley	18/10/79
10	Fresno City	Arasco	Peatmoss/Moulds	20/10/79
15	Iran Asstar	Karmo	Container	20/10/79
18	Castile Del Mar	H.S.C.C.	Bulk Cement	18/10/79
20	Marie D'Anvers	Alesada	Timber/Plates/General	17/10/79
22	Odyphile 'B'	A.A.	Bagged Cement	17/10/79
23	Ville D'Anvers	M.T.A.	Containers	19/10/79
41	Angeline	Alwan	Maize/Sorghum	19/10/79

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## Gulf Air reduces fares

By Joseph Eltayer

JEDDAH, Oct. 21 — Gulf Air has decided to reduce its air fare by 30 per cent within the Gulf region next November, the airline board of directors announced.

Bahrain Information Minister Tariq Al-Moayyed has called on airlines and hotels in the region to reduce their rates, after the International Air Transport Association (IATA) recommended an air fare raise last April.

Bahrain, Oman, Qatar, and the



United Arab Emirates hold equal air fare between 10 and 15 per cent for its more than 100 airline members.

IATA agreed last July to raise

## Laker wages war against IATA

WASHINGTON, Oct. 21 (AP) —

Sir Freddie Laker, whose "Skytrain" cut fares between London and the United States, launches an attack Monday on the International Air Transport Association which he accused of standing in the way of massive fare reductions in many parts of the world.

"I think IATA has done no good to civil aviation, in terms of the industry of air transports," he told the Associated Press in a telephone interview. "I don't think it's done any good in terms of aircraft manufacturing and I don't think it's done any good for world tourism and world travel as a whole."

"Europe is in a crazy situation where we have nationalized airlines. Every airline is a member of IATA and the net result is that fares in Europe are more than double the domestic fares in the United States for the same distance."

Laker will be one of about 40 witnesses who start appearances Monday before the U.S. Civil Aviation Board on a series of proposed changes to the structure of IATA. It is expected to take

several months before it makes up its mind about them. He says he wants the CAB to find IATA illegal under U.S. anti-trust laws and says that would be winning half his battle to destroy it.

His chances, he said, are 50-50.

David Kyd, spokesman for IATA, told the Associated Press:

"IATA doesn't see Laker as an

enemy, he chooses to see us as an

enemy. Kyd pointed out that it would not be possible for airlines to do

such things individually. It would

create too much confusion.

As for low fares, he added, they

make sense only if the airlines can

survive economically.

Laker said that he has applied for 666 routes in Europe. If he could fly passengers from Paris to Athens, for example, he predicted the price would be only about \$172 instead of what he said was present fare, \$382.

"The fact is," he said, "that if Freddie Laker did not fly between New York and London there would be no standby fares on any other airlines. As soon as they got rid of me by predatory pricing they would go back to their nasty old habit of ripping off the customers, the price would go back to at least double."

In the course of its involvement with BP, Sohio's assets have increased tenfold and today it is BP's major asset. According to Allister Manson, president of BP North America, BP now has 43 per cent of its assets in the US. Of this, the lion's share is its investment in Sohio and Alaskan crude which has enabled Sohio to become the largest holder of US oil reserves.

## Spot oil market to calm down

TOKYO, Oct. 21 (R) — Abdul Aziz Al Watari, assistant secretary general of the Organization of Arab Petroleum Exporting Countries (OAPEC), in an interview published here Sunday said the Rotterdam spot oil market would calm down next year.

The visiting former Iraqi oil minister was quoted as telling the mass-circulation Japanese daily *Mainichi Shimbun* that the international oil supply and demand situation would slacken by two to three million barrels next year, chilling the current fever on the Rotterdam spot market.

The aggregate oil production by the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) next year will stay at 21 million barrels per day as at present but the aggregate oil demand will slacken, he was quoted as saying.

## Coal can fill energy gap

WARSAW, Oct. 21 (R) — Only coal could fill the energy gap and ensure continued world economic development, a United Nations coal symposium concluded.

A draft report on a week-long meeting which ended Saturday in the Polish mining town of Katowice said coal accounted for four-fifths of the world's known conventional energy resources, the report as saying.

the Polish news agency PAP reported.

Because of the growing crisis on the world oil market, problems with nuclear energy development and unclear prospects for unconventional energy sources, "only coal can really fill the gap in energy supply which conditions further socio-economic development in the world," PAP quoted the report as saying.

## Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Class Date
Municipality of Riyadh	Drilling of artesian wells	33-99/400	Oct. 19	
"	Supply of spare parts for water boosters	34-99/400	Oct. 19	
"	Preparing the Conferences street for plantation, together with plumbing job	37-99/400	Oct. 19	
Ministry of Education	Construction of five schools (Model B) in Riyadh Zone	4/M	500	Dec.
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Operation and maintenance of water project in Sharoura	12	Free	Nov.
"	Operation and maintenance of water project in Al-Dawadmi	13	Free	Nov.

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## Exchange Rates for the IMF's SDR

London Interbank  
Dollar Exchange Rates as quoted by  
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## Oct. 17 Oct. 18

US Dollar .....	1.29532	1.29417
Australian Dollar .....	1.16769	1.16644
Austrian Schilling .....	4.42256	4.42190
Canadian Dollar .....	1.52394	1.52343
Deutsche Mark .....	2.23562	2.23601
French Franc .....	5.45524	5.457601
Iranian Rial .....	91,2877	91,2066
Italian Lira .....	1073.82	1073.82
Japanese Yen .....	301.680	303.995
Dutch Guilder .....	25.7598	25.7528
Norwegian Krone .....	0.64250	0.642500
Saudi Arabian Ryal .....	4.34886	4.34714
Spanish Peseta .....	85.4963	85.5032
Swedish Krona .....	5.47443	5.46124
Danish Krone .....	6.78234	6.77498
Ecuadorian Sucre .....	32.380	32.3543
Indonesian Rupiah .....	809.575	808.856
Kuwaiti Dinar .....	0.361083	0.360659
Malaysian Ringgit .....	UNAV	UNAV
Singapore Dollar .....	2.80372	2.80123
South African Rand .....	1.07140	1.07045
Swiss Franc .....	1.27126	1.27126
U.S.A. D.ollars .....	4.92222	4.91785
Venezuelan Bolivar .....	5.55616	5.55322

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## Closing Spot Sterling Rates at London

## Oct. 19

## USD/£

## Price Yen

## Oct. 18 Oct. 19

## CLOSING

## London Interbank

## Dollar Exchange Rates as quoted by

## Bank of America IFC

## Oct. 17 Oct. 18

Britain ..... 2.1515 | 2.1520 |Australia ..... 1.6445 | 1.6430 |Switzerland ..... 829.45 | 828.90 |Italy ..... 4.2335 | 4.2190 |France ..... 4.3564 | 4.3470 |Germany ..... 1.7700 | 1.7690 |Norway ..... 1.9915 | 1.9929 |Iranian Rial ..... 35.80 | 35.85 |Belgium ..... 28.952 | 28.950 |Belgium F ..... 29.720 | 29.740 |Denmark ..... 5.2392 | 5.2307 |Norway ..... 4.9785 | 4.9780 |Portuguese Escudo ..... 0.642500 | 0.642500 |Saudi Arabian Ryal ..... 4.34886 | 4.34714 |Spain ..... 4.24245 | 4.23300 |Swedish Krona ..... 5.46124 | 5.46124 |Austria ..... 12.9550 | 12.9500 |Danish Krone ..... 6.78234 | 6.77498 |Australia ..... 1.1797 | 1.1810 |Ecuadorian Sucre ..... 32.380 | 32.3543 |Spain ..... 6.6505 | 6.6506 |Venezuelan Bolivar ..... 5.55616 | 5.55322 |

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USA ..... 2.1530-2.1540 |Canada ..... 2.5410-2.5420 |Switzerland ..... 3.3500-3.3540 |W. Germany ..... 3.3670-3.3720 |France ..... 9.0800-9.0900 |Netherlands ..... 4.28300 |Belgian C ..... 62.26-62.36 |Belgian F ..... 63.30-63.40 |Denmark ..... 9.0940-9.1040 |Norway ..... 1.7650-1.7750 |Italy ..... 10.70-10.70-10.710 |Portugal ..... 1.0425-1.0425 |Spain ..... 107.15-107.45 |French Franc ..... 7.5806 |Austria ..... 114.99-115.00 |Italian Lira ..... 6.66800 |US Dollar ..... 1.2700-1.2700 |Swiss Franc ..... 5.7606 |Spanish Peseta ..... 91.6588 |Swedish Krona ..... 5.86779 |Norwegian Krone ..... 6.90218 |Canadian Dollar ..... 1.64014 |Portuguese Escudo ..... 69.3200 |Austrian Schilling ..... 17.9472 |Finnish Markka ..... 5.34685 |Japanese Yen ..... 319.832 |Greek Drachma ..... 51.9511 |

## GOLD

## الذهب

Closing Gold Prices  
(in US Dollars per troy ounce)

## Oct. 16 Oct. 19

London ..... 33.300 | 33.400 |Paris ..... 380.16 | 380.42 |Frankfurt ..... 380.02 | 380.49 |Zurich ..... 380.50 | 382.50 |Hong Kong ..... 386.13 | 388.48 |

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## Frankfurt Foreign Exchange Fixings

## Oct. 19 Oct. 18

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## Oct. 18 Oct. 19

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## Oct. 17 Oct. 18

USA ..... 1.2530-1.2540 |Canada ..... 1.5410-1.5420 |Switzerland ..... 3.3500-3.3540 |W. Germany ..... 3.3670-3.3720 |France ..... 9.0800-9.0900 |Netherlands ..... 4.28300 |Belgian C ..... 62.26-62.36 |Belgian F ..... 63.30-63.40 |Denmark ..... 9.0940-9.1040 |Norway ..... 1.7650-1.7750 |Italy ..... 10.70-10.70-10.710 |Portugal ..... 1.0425-1.0425 |Spain ..... 146.60-146.60 |French Franc ..... 7.5806 |Austria ..... 114.99-115.00 |Italian Lira ..... 6.66800 |US Dollar ..... 1.2700-1.2700 |Swiss Franc ..... 5.7606 |Spanish Peseta ..... 91.6588 |Swedish Krona ..... 5.86779 |Norwegian Krone ..... 6.90218 |Canadian Dollar ..... 1.64014 |Portuguese Escudo ..... 69.3200 |Austrian Schilling ..... 17.9472 |Finnish Markka ..... 5.34685 |Finnish Markka ..... 5.34685 |

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by THOMAS JOSEPH

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1 Author, 6 Brazilian  
Stolen — 10  
5 Tobacco cut 11  
9 Bangkok 1 Literary  
tongue 12  
16 One of the 14 "Jaws" killer  
Fendas 2 Overdo 15 Starway  
12 Callous 4 Ducked 22 To be:  
13 Lilly Dache, 5 Globe 23 Stairway  
for one 6 Learned 24 feature  
15 Hockey name 7 A.B.A. 25 Nautical  
"L" — 8 Fr.  
17 " — Butter- 10 John:  
milk Sky" 11 Tell 21 Mrs. Kurt  
18 Toward 14 Kingly 22 " — Kleine  
heaven 15 Goofy 23 Japanese  
20 Badger 27 Proper 24 volcano  
21 Prong 22 Sundance 25 Nachtmusik"  
22 — 23 Italian 26 Time period  
23 Dreamy, 24 " —  
informally 25 A Kennedy 27  
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28 Dice throw 28 Japanese  
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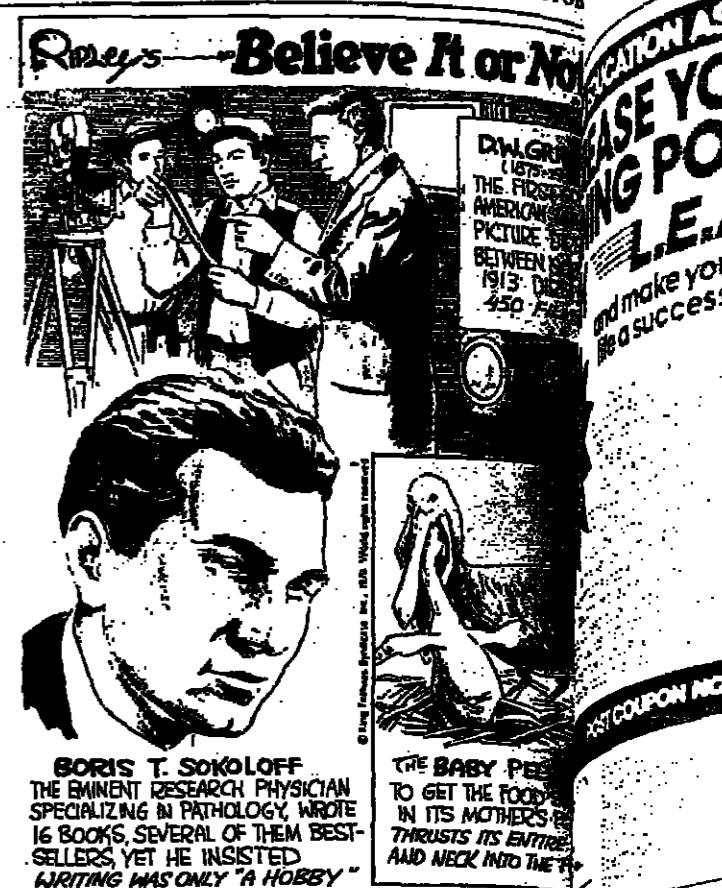
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North-South vulnerable.

NORTH

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△ Q 6

○ A ♠ 7 3 3

◆ K 6 4

WEST

EAST

♦ 7 6 3

△ Q 10 3

○ ♠ K Q J 9 8 4 2

◆ Q 10 5

SOUTH

♦ A ♠ Q J 10 8

△ A 9 5

○ 10 6

◆ A 3 2

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Pass 4 ♠

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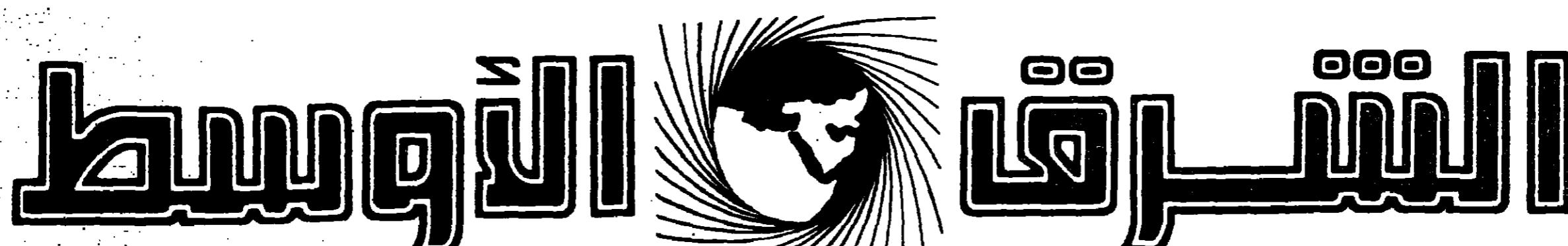
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Boston library to house Kennedy papers

## Kennedy, Carter evoke 'Camelot' spirit at JFK dedication

BOSTON, Oct. 21 (AP) — Evoking the spirit of John F. Kennedy to meet the challenges of the 1980s, President Jimmy Carter dedicated the late president's memorial library amidst ripe memories of Camelot.

"The essence of President Kennedy's message — the appeal for unselfish dedication to the common good — is more urgent than ever," Carter said.

"The spirit he evoked — the spirit of sacrifice, of patriotism, of unstinting dedication — is the same spirit that will bring us safely through the adversities we face," he said.

Kennedy, speaking after the president whom he may challenge for the 1980 Democratic nomination, avoided politics and restricted his address to praising the brother who was 14 years his senior.

"Jack was a glory on the mountain," the Massachusetts senator said. "The New Frontier of which he dreamed touched a new and responsive chord in America."

But politics surfaced anyway when the Senator's nephew, Joseph P. Kennedy II, attacked American big business and complained that under current federal financial policies, the poor suffer the most.

Sounding like his father, the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, the younger Kennedy warned, "The sooner we face down the vested interests, the better it (America) will be."

The president recalling the "time of darkness" that began with Kennedy's assassin-



Senator Kennedy



President Kennedy



President Carter

tion, said, "We have undertaken a solemn commitment to heal those wounds, and at long last the darkness has begun to lift. I believe that America is now ready to meet the challenges of the 1980s with renewed confidence and a refreshed spirit."

In an aside his prepared text, Carter jokingly referred to the likely fight he faces against the slain president's youngest brother for the Democratic presidential nomination next year.

Carter quoted a reporter at a presidential press conference in March, 1962 who said to John Kennedy then that young Edward would not seek the presidency because "after

seeing the cares of office on you (John Kennedy), he wasn't sure he would ever be interested."

Carter's prepared text made no reference, open or veiled, to his rivalry with Kennedy.

Rather, it was filled with references to the ideals of the John F. Kennedy administration.

"He summoned our nation out of complacency and set it on a path of excitement and hope," Carter said in remarks prepared for delivery at the modern building on the banks of the Boston harbor.

Carter and Sen. Kennedy were among the dignitaries at the dedication of the \$21-million, nine-story library.

The library was built with private funds by the John F. Kennedy Library Corp., and it was the first presidential library dedicated without the president for whom it is named in attendance. The six other presidential libraries are the Hoover, Roosevelt, Truman, Eisenhower, Johnson and Ford libraries.

The Kennedy library houses 28 million pages of documents, including Kennedy's papers from his Harvard days through his years as the nation's 35th president, and the papers of the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy.

During the ceremonies Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis held her head high, staring into some far-away distance.

Edward Kennedy cradled his face in his hands, eyes cast downward, as if to ward off the pain of memories.

And Jimmy Carter, the invited guest, squeezed Joan Kennedy's hand affectionately while her husband Ted, the Senator, spoke movingly about the days of Camelot.

In the words of one aide to United States President Carter, the wind-swept ceremony to open the John F. Kennedy Presidential Library was a "Kennedy event," and for the family it was tinged with memories of good times and shattered dreams.

Mrs. Onassis, who won the admiration of the world during her husband's funeral and went on to marry and become widowed again, was introduced to the audience but did not speak. She was composed throughout the 90-minute ceremony except at the beginning when the national anthem was played. Standing with the other guests, tears appeared to well in Mrs. Onassis' eyes; she blinked several times in rapid succession.

Sen. Kennedy, the last of the four sons of Joseph and Rose Kennedy, described the library dedicated to John Kennedy as a "happy rendezvous with history that makes his memory come alive."

Caroline and John F. Kennedy Jr., who played under their father's desk in the Oval Office a generation ago, sat together on the platform before the world, grown legacies of a very different past.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khanfar

Corruption in Journalism  
I knew when I wrote the first article  
risks I was taking. Dark mutterings  
on the phone and in reception  
Messages mysteriously pushed  
doors. Stop, the gist was. Threats  
couched in terms of glass house  
rocks. Advice in terms of casting  
stones.

We, however, are dauntless. The  
(well, some of us) and still no name  
out (through more illustrative and  
No risk is too great in the service  
leadership. The chips are down.

The impression the first article  
of a vaster scale of payments than  
the case. Wads of money are  
known to exchange hands. Bank  
are silently replenished. But the  
humbler scales. One day, with the  
the Indian subcontinent, a jour  
friend decided, of his own bat, to  
of the contending states. He wrote  
a stinging attack against the "other side"  
the truth.

A few days later, the press attack  
"friendly" state came into his  
expressing his gratitude, which the  
hostile accepted. He then placed a  
sealed bag on the desk. "In appre  
"ice." The journalist started pr  
Everyone in the office was looking  
were shaking with suppressed m  
This is the smallest bribe they ha  
of.

The journalist declared his ope  
tion of the "bribe." "But look," he  
the attack once more. "The in  
already written. An no one kno  
this except you and me and is  
above." Everyone else of course  
"subtle" argument. Take the rig  
shouted. What can you do if this  
scale. Tell them to throw in a ch  
time.

Then there is the time ho  
(perhaps the time honoring gift of  
watch, distributed to all and smil  
adorned with the portrait of the gr  
no doubt to remind you of your  
everything you look at the time.

A journalist told me once how he  
just finished interviewing a sheik who  
almost reached the gate of the rea  
when he was hailed by an officer who  
emerged running after him. The  
were urgent and the man seemed  
crying at the huge revolver at his

The journalist stood petrified. Some  
must have happened to the sheik's  
guard is going to shoot him on the  
revenge.

As he stood there shaking with  
raised to the sky in the approved man  
the officer stopped panting before  
Here, he said, you forgot to take  
watch. (He was apparently not tuck  
his gun, only steady it against his  
be ran.)

Watch this column for more shad  
revelations...

Translated from *Aswad Al Ayyam*



BORDER WAR: Zimbabwe Rhodesia forces guard the border with Mozambique at Umtali, scene of recent cross-border fighting.

### Unless British change

## Mugabe doubtful on accord

THE HAGUE, Oct. 21 (Agencies) — Patriotic Front co-leader Robert Mugabe says the chance of agreement at the London conference on Zimbabwe Rhodesia is remote unless Britain changes its views on arrangements for the colony's transition to legal independence.

But he added at a press conference here Saturday night that his Patriotic Front organization would not despair in its endeavor to reach a settlement which would end the seven-year bush war in Britain's rebel colony.

British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington proposed Saturday that the Zimbabwe Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Abel Muzorewa should resign prior to short transitional period, supervised by a British governor, and new elections.

Mugabe speaking after meeting Dutch Development Aid Minister Jan de Coning, said he opposed Britain's intention to leave the present police, armed forces and civil service intact during the transitional period.

### 4 killed, 7 injured

## Thais die in Cambodia shelling

KHOK SUNG, Thailand Oct. 21 (AP) — Four persons, including three Thais, were killed and seven injured Sunday when a barrage of 20 mortar rounds from across the Cambodian border landed in an open market about four kilometers inside Thailand.

The dead from the 82mm mortar rounds included two Thai men, one Thai woman and one Cambodian man who was buying sup-

"On the basis of the plan Lord Carrington has outlined, unless the British change their views, the possibility of achieving a settlement is remote," he commented.

Both Mugabe and the Patriotic Front's other co-leader, Joshua Nkomo, have been participating in the London talks.

Meanwhile, in Africa the fighting continues.

Mozambique said Sunday that Zimbabwe Rhodesian warplanes and helicopter-borne troops raided its territory for three days last week.

Official Radio Mozambique, monitored in Salisbury, said Mozambique gunners shot down a Zimbabwe Rhodesian helicopter Thursday.

A military command spokesman in Salisbury said its policy was not to comment on what it termed unconfirmed reports.

Mozambique radio said helicopters carrying troops swept into the Katandica District of Manica Province on Thursday.

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